

## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# MEDIA ALERT

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## Rest Areas on I-85 in Northeast Georgia Now Closed

**WHEN:** Now – 8:45 a.m.

**WHERE:** The I-85 northbound Rest Area in Franklin County and the I-85 southbound Rest Area in Gwinnett County

**WHAT:** The Georgia Department of Transportation has permanently closed these rest areas. “Many factors have gone into the decision to close these rest areas. Criminal activity is rising at these locations. Safety is definitely a factor in this decision. Private development along the interstate now provides the services offered by rest areas. The condition of the rest areas has deteriorated and the cost to maintain them is high,” explained DOT District Engineer Russell McMurry.

The Welcome Center on I-85 south in Hart County will remain open.

Message boards alert motorists that the rest areas are closed. Barricades are now in place at their entrances to prevent entry into the rest areas.

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